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Charlotte, North Carolina  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to Examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please substitute the attached specification for the translation of PCT Application PCT/EP99/07534 filed on October 7, 1999, with the European Patent Office.